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PCWA AMERICAN RIVER PUMP STATION AND RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	N/A

COMMENTS:

I am very much opposed to providing vehicle access to the roads in the canyon below Maidu and Riverview Drives. The access roads should remain closed. Increased traffic, camping and other recreational uses will greatly increase noise pollution. The trail along the canal is already used by lots of people trespassing over private property. The easements for the canal were never intended for recreational uses but were intended only for access to transmit water and to maintain the canals.

There is extreme fire danger in this area already and nothing has been planned to decrease the fire danger. Howard Seal, the forestry fire chief has said on many occasions that an Oakland type fire is inevitable in this area. It is not a matter of if but a matter of when according to Seal. As homeowners we have no ability (over)

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- A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.
- B. PCWA does not own the property, but, has access easements along the raw water conveyance canals throughout its service area. Some portions of these canals fall within the Auburn SRA and Reclamation/CDPR permit public use (hiking) along these paths. PCWA reports receiving only about three calls per year from landowners concerned about public use on private lands.
- C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.

to control mitigation of fire danger on other than our own private property. Something should be done to mitigate fire danger in this Canyon on both public and private lands and such provisions should be enforceable and actually enforced.

First take care of mitigation of the extreme fire danger before even considering increasing recreational facilities in this area of the Canyon.

We, on the Canyon rim on Maidu and Riverside are already burdened with public use of the trails in the Canyon below us but also from the noise, which is considerable, from Railhead parks and the fairgrounds. Events held there should terminate at 10 PM instead of going on until 11 PM or midnight as they do now.

Residents should be notified by mail of public meetings concerning these issues. No notice was given of the Nov 7 information session.

David Hallbrook

- D. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features for discussion of project-related noise. Noise issues arising from events held at Railhead Park and the fairgrounds exceed the boundaries and jurisdiction of this project and the matter should be referred to city or county officials.
- E. The lead agencies have provided public notice of meetings and environmental documentation availability as required by CEQA and NEPA. Please refer to Response L-95.A.

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ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	

COMMENTS:

The recommendation that a parking lot for trucks & buses for ~~smoking~~ rafting & other facilities is bad. It is a purely a lucrative business venture. It is not the PCWA's function to provide funds & land for business purposes. As for potential income for Auburn that is nonsense. The ~~RAFTING~~ CO. originate in El Dorado City. And the income will surely go back to El Dorado County & unless of course some ~~benefit~~ should find their way back to some officials by way of gifts or soft campaign funds. If the Canyon was so beautiful that millions of dollars of tax payers money is to be spent on diverting the river, & restoration of the American river to its original image. What is the rationalization of allowing a ugly conglomeration of old trucks buses & hundreds of tourists, many of them drunk milling about in Auburn's Canyon? Let them build it somewhere on the El Dorado or Sacramento side.

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- A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features. CDPR is not proposing or permitting commercial rafting use in this section of the river, as part of this project. It also is noted that CDPR would prohibit alcohol in the area.

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COMMENTS:	
A	1. What is potential for Increased Fire Exposure?
B	2. Intersection Maiden Rd/Auburn Folsom - Left Turn onto Auburn Rd currently problem during commute hours - what impact will project have on this intersection?
C	3. Are we tracking 210 Trips per day? - what hours?
D	4. What are pros and cons of Pacific vs Maiden Access?
E	5. Who did the EIR?

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- A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.
- B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features. The City of Auburn will install a traffic signal at the Maiden Drive/Auburn-Folsom Road intersection later this year (2002).
- C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features. The lead agencies, in consultation with CDPR, have reduced the total number of parking spaces at the project site from 70 to 53. This change results in an estimated peak value of 206 river-related trips to the project site. Specific hours of operation have not been determined; however, it is anticipated that the area would have limited and seasonal hours tied to boating uses through the area.
- D. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.
- E. Chapter 5 of the Draft EIS/EIR lists the agencies and companies involved in preparation of the EIS/EIR and supporting documentation.

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COMMENTS:	
<p>The apparent goal of this project was to restore the river channel to its original course and construct a new pump station for PCWA. There is no need or apparent reason to build any recreational facilities which were not there before. These would only bring additional trash along access roads and greatly increase fire danger. For some reason the existing pump station which is noisy to those of us living along River View Drive, was not addressed. Will the new pump station be louder and carry up to the homes? There must be a way to eliminate this frustrating noise when the new pump station is to be built. As far as we are concerned, we would prefer to have this entire project cancelled!</p>	

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B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.

C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

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COMMENTS:

A I acknowledge the need for the proposed pumping station, and the desire to return the river to its natural state.

B However, opening the recreation site to parking lots and creating an access road through existing residential areas is not "returning to a natural state."

C Those improvements create real problems for those residents who have invested in homes here. Our families would be put in jeopardy.

D Our property is in increased, serious danger from an up-slope slip with every increase in the number of people who have access to the

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area below us.

A. Comment noted.

B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features and Master Response 3.1.5, Project Area River Restoration.

C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

D. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.

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COMMENTS:	
A	As a home owner in this area I have two, I believe, serious objections to this project. One, Maidu Dr. is busy enough with residents and Sky Ridge School. It is not equipped to accommodate the amount of traffic this would generate. Two, the danger of fire. Maidu Dr. was closed to all but emergency vehicles last year due to the fire below Falcons Point. I sincerely hope these problems and others have been taken into consideration.
B	

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COMMENTS:	
<p>I think you should consider the entrance at Pacific street for the following reasons:</p> <p>Maiden would become dangerous (a) for the school children, (b) increase traffic load, (c) increase pollution, (d) easy access for transients and homeless to live and or sleep there (e) would increase the insecurity of the home owners.</p> <p>I DEFINATELY OPPOSE THE MAIDU ENTRANCE!!!</p>	

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B

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

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November 9, 2001

American River Pump Station Project
Draft EIS/EIR Comments
Surface Water Resources, Inc.
2031 Howe Avenue, Suite 110
Sacramento, CA 95825

SUBJECT: American River Pump Station Project - Draft EIS/EIR Comments

To whom it may concern:

As a resident off Maidu Drive in Auburn, I am particularly interested in the upcoming PCWA American River Pump Station project. My family and I have lived in Auburn for over twelve years and believe that this project, as described in the Draft EIS/EIR, will have both positive and negative impacts on our lifestyle.

I have obtained and read a Draft EIR/EIS as well as the two volumes of appendices. I also attended the Public Hearing on October 11, 2001, and the Maidu Drive informational meeting on November 7, 2001.

In general, I am in favor of the proposed Mid-Channel diversion alternative and the three specific items identified as the project purpose: 1) to provide a pump station to convey Middle Fork Project waters; 2) to eliminate safety issues associated with the existing bypass tunnel; 3) to restore the river channel. However, there are elements associated with the recreational aspects of restoring the river channel that I am opposed to and I believe need further study. In particular, I am against the idea of allowing vehicular traffic into the canyon other than PCWA maintenance crews, and emergency vehicles. I feel that items within the environmental document associated with transportation and circulation into the recreational area, and fire hazards within the canyon are not properly addressed. My comments under these two headings follow:

FIRE HAZARDS

- 1) I am amazed that Chapter 3.0, Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences, of the Draft EIR/EIS do not include a section on fire hazards. I believe that the increase in fire hazards due to increased public access into this area of the canyon is a SIGNIFIANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCE.

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A. Project support noted.

B. The Draft EIS/EIR recognizes the potential for increased fire hazards associated with the Proposed Project. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.